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Dear Sir;

There will never be enough dams and diversions as long as the population continues to grow. My solution is birth control, border control and a moratorium on immigration. The dams and diversions will put-off the inevitable but are not a permanent solution to human desires without zero population growth. This is a finite planet.

More dams and diversions do not help the wildlife that was the original impetus for CALFED before the process got hijacked by the diverters. Put CALFED back on track by doing those things that restore habitat and dropping those things that destroy habitat, i.e., no new dams or diversions.

Also, logging more trees, a la, the Quincy Library Group Plan is habitat destruction without proven benefits. It may also cause downstream higher peak flows which means more flooding and cause more soil to be washed downstream which means more silting of the valley rivers and the delta which means again more flooding. The QLG Plan will also cause lower warmer summer flows which will be detrimental to the Spring-Run salmon and steelhead.

This whole plan is Orwellian or should I say Madison Ave. We're going to cut more trees and divert more water to correct the past problems of logging and diverting. It's a fraud.

People are good at saying whatever they want to do will achieve whatever ends have been declared to be the goal. But that does not make it so.

People also should be gotten out of riparian corridors and out of the flood plain. The trashing of our rivers by people being allowed by the counties to build next to streams is wrong. A goal of CALFED should be to get people to move further away from streams.

Public works projects such as bridges should be built as clear spans so that county public works departments won't be cutting down trees and cutting up large woody debris to protect bridges.

I am sending this letter to register a protest not because I have any hope of the government being willing to do something about the problem.

Sincerely,

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